

**Security Council**

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**Letter dated 11 January 2006 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I wish to inform the Security Council of my intention to appoint, in accordance with resolutions 1595 (2005) and 1644 (2005), Serge Brammertz of Belgium as the Commissioner of the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission established following the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. He will succeed Detlev Mehlis, who did excellent work in establishing the investigation and setting it on a firm and professional footing.

Mr. Brammertz is the Deputy Prosecutor for Investigations of the International Criminal Court. Before his election to that position he was the first Federal Prosecutor of the Kingdom of Belgium. He will proceed to Beirut to take up his assignment as soon as is practicable.

(Signed) Kofi A. Annan

